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In re application of

Naoaki KATAOKA et al.

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METHOD FOR PURIFYING MATTER
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full sentence of the specification with the following:

This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/355,891, filed October 22, 1999, which is
a 371 of PCT/JP98/00363, filed January 29, 1998.

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